

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Applicants' Disclosure at page 3, lines 21-24 of the specification, is respectfully traversed.

Applicants disclose at page 3, lines 21-24 of the specification that "[i]t is known that silanized polybutadienes may be employed for micro-encapsulation, but their applicability in conjunction with isocyanates and amines was surprising." Thus, Applicants have simply acknowledged that silanized polybutadienes are known for micro-encapsulation. However, Applicants have **not** admitted that silanized polybutadienes have been used for microencapsulating a cross-linking constituent. Absent prior art that a cross-linking constituent microencapsulated with a silanized polybutadiene is known in the prior art, Applicants are entitled to claim such as above-amended Claims 1 and 14. As no prior art has been otherwise applied, the remaining claims are necessarily patentable.

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

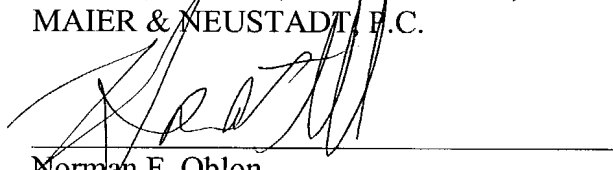
The rejection of Claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection is now moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. It is noted, simply for purposes of explanation, that the microencapsulated adhesive component, upon the application of heat and/or pressure, releases the cross-linking constituent contained therein so that it may react with a cross-linkable material therewith.

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All of the presently pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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